

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1789

AN ACT

To repeal sections 301.129, 301.131 and 301.453, RSMo, relating to special license plates, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Sections 301.129, 301.131 and 301.453, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 301.129, 301.131, 301.453 and 301.3106, to read as follows:

301.129. There is established in this section an advisory committee for the department of revenue, which shall exist solely to develop uniform designs and common colors for motor vehicle license plates issued under this chapter and to determine appropriate license plate parameters for all license plates issued under this chapter. The advisory committee may adopt more than one type of design and color scheme for license plates issued under this chapter; however, each license plate of a distinct type shall be uniform in design and color scheme with all other license plates of that distinct type. The specifications for the fully reflective material used for the plates, as required by section 301.130, shall be determined by the committee. Such plates shall meet any specific requirements prescribed in this chapter. The advisory committee shall consist

of the director of revenue, the superintendent of the highway patrol, the correctional enterprises administrator, one person appointed by the governor, one state senator appointed by the president pro tem of the senate and one state representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Prior to April 1, [1996] 2003, the committee [shall] may meet, select a chairman from among their members, and develop uniform design and license plate parameters for the motor vehicle license plates issued [under] pursuant to this chapter with particular emphasis on public safety. Prior to determining the final design of the plates, the committee shall hold at least three public meetings in different areas of the state to invite public input on the final design. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this section out of funds appropriated for that purpose. The committee shall direct the director of revenue to implement its final design of the uniform motor vehicle license plates and any specific parameters for all license plates developed by the committee not later than April 1, [1996] 2003. The committee shall be dissolved upon completion of its duties [under] pursuant to this section.

301.131. 1. Any motor vehicle over twenty-five years old which is owned solely as a collector's item and which is used and intended to be used for exhibition and educational purposes shall be permanently registered upon payment of a registration fee of twenty-five dollars. Upon the transfer of the title to any such vehicle the registration shall be canceled and the license plates issued therefor shall be returned to the director of revenue.

2. The owner of any such vehicle shall file an application in a form prescribed by the director, if such vehicle meets the requirements of this section, and a certificate of registration shall be issued therefor. Such certificate need not specify the horsepower of the motor vehicle.

3. The director shall issue to the owner of any motor vehicle registered pursuant to this section the same number of license plates which would be issued with a regular annual registration, containing the number assigned to the registration certificate issued by the director of revenue. [Such license plates shall be kept securely attached to the motor vehicle registered hereunder. The advisory committee established in section 301.129 shall determine the characteristic features of such license plates for vehicles registered pursuant to the provisions of this section so that they may be recognized as such, except that] Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

4. Historic vehicles may be driven to and from repair facilities one hundred miles from the vehicle's location, and in addition may be driven up to one thousand miles per year for personal use. The owner of the historic vehicle shall be responsible for keeping a log of the miles driven for personal use each calendar year. Such log must be kept in the historic vehicle when the vehicle is driven on any state road. The historic vehicle's mileage driven in an antique auto tour or event and mileage driven to and from such a tour or event shall

not be considered mileage driven for the purpose of the mileage limitations in this section. Violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor and in addition to any other penalties prescribed by law, upon conviction thereof, the director of revenue shall revoke the historic motor vehicle license plates of such violator which were issued pursuant to this section.

5. Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, any person possessing a license plate issued by the state of Missouri [prior to 1979] that is over twenty-five years old, in which the year of the issuance of such plate is consistent with the year of the manufacture of the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle may register such plate as [a personalized plate by following the procedures for personalized license plate registration and paying the same fees as prescribed in section 301.144] an historic vehicle plate as set forth in subsections 1 and 2 of this section, provided that the configuration of letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers of such plate are not identical to the configuration of letters, numbers or combination of letters and numbers of any plates already issued to an owner by the director. Such license plate shall not be required to possess the characteristic features of reflective material and common color scheme and design as prescribed in section 301.130. The owner of the historic vehicle registered pursuant to this subsection shall keep the certificate of registration in the vehicle at all times. The certificate of registration shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle has been properly registered with the director and that all fees have been paid.

301.453. 1. Any member of the general assembly of the state of Missouri while holding office, upon application and payment of the fee required for personalized license plates in section 301.144, and other fees and documents which may be required by law, may apply for special personalized license plates bearing the state seal in gold and black colors along with the words "Representative" or "Senator" in preference to the words "Show-Me State". The director of revenue shall annually set aside special personalized license plates bearing the letters and numbers S-1 to S-34 and S01 to S034, R-1 to R-163 and R01 to R0163 to be issued to a member of the general assembly of the state of Missouri while such member is holding that office, upon such member's written request. For the first set of special personalized license plates issued to a member of the general assembly, such plates shall bear the letter "S" and the number of the senator's district for a member of the state senate or the letter "R" and the number of the representative's district for a member of the house of representatives and for the second set of plates issued to a member of the general assembly, such plates shall bear the letter "S" and the number of the senator's district preceded by the numeral "0" for a member of the state senate or the letter "R" and the number of the representative's district preceded by the numeral "0" for a member of the house of representatives. Only two sets of such plates may be issued to any one member of the general assembly.

2. Any member of the United States Congress while he or she is holding that office, upon his or her written request and upon a payment of the additional fee required for personalized plates

in section 301.144, may apply for special personalized license plates bearing the state seal in gold and black along with the words "Member of Congress" instead of the words "Show-Me State" and either the letters and numbers "[USS1] USS-1, USS-01" and "[USS2] USS-2, USS-02" for the senior and junior United States Senators from Missouri, respectively, or, in the case of members of the United States House of Representatives, bearing the letters "[USC" together with the number of the representative's district] USC-1 to USC-9 and USC-01 to USC-09". Only [one set] two sets of such plates may be issued to any one individual congressman.

3. The director shall annually set aside special personalized license plates bearing the state seal in gold and black and the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 along with the words "Governor", "Lieutenant Governor", "Secretary of State", "State Auditor", "State Treasurer" and "Attorney General" in preference to the words "Show-Me State" to be issued to the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and attorney general, respectively, upon written request and upon payment of the fee required for personalized license plates in section 301.144, and other fees and documents as may be required by law. These plates shall be held by the appropriate public official only while such person remains in that office. Upon leaving that office the public official shall surrender the personalized license plates to the director, who shall make them available as provided in this subsection to the succeeding public official.

4. All special license plates issued under this section

shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130.

301.3106. 1. Any individual who is a former legislator of the Missouri general assembly may receive special license plates as prescribed by this section, for any motor vehicle such person owns, either solely or jointly, other than an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle licensed in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross weight. Any individual who is a former legislator of the Missouri general assembly may annually apply for such license plates.

2. Upon presentation of the appropriate proof of eligibility as determined by the director and annual payment of a fifteen dollar fee in addition to the registration fee, and other documents which may be required by law, the department of revenue shall issue to the vehicle owner a personalized license plate which shall bear an appropriate configuration to be determined by the director, with the words "FORMER MISSOURI LEGISLATOR" in place of the words "SHOW-ME STATE". Such license plates shall be made with fully reflective material with a common color scheme and design, shall be clearly visible at night, and shall be aesthetically attractive, as prescribed by section 301.130. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.144, no additional fee shall be charged for the personalization of license plates pursuant to this section.

3. No more than two sets of license plates shall be issued pursuant to this section to a qualified applicant. License plates issued pursuant to this section shall not be transferable

to any other person except that any registered co-owner of the motor vehicle shall be entitled to operate the motor vehicle with such plates for the duration of the year licensed in the event of the death of the qualified person. The director of revenue shall make necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section, and shall design all necessary forms required by this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.